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extent, to the will of the injured or his friends. But custom and usage gradually become hardened into legal standards; and so a long process of development went on before law received such an expression as we find in the several codes. The law, as found in the Pentateuch, is no longer a mere expression of the will of the people, but has its basis of authority in being a revelation from God. The book, while perhaps lacking in clear arrangement of its materials, is a suggestive treatment of the subject, and is to be recommended to the student interested in the study of primitive institutions.—FULTON J. COFFIN.

*Alttestamentliche Studien.* Von G. Stosch. V. Teil: "Die Urkunden der Samuelsgeschichte." (Gütersloh: Bertelsmann, 1901; pp. 200; M. 2.50.) Stosch has written a series of simple reproductions of the charming narratives of the books of Samuel, with reflections and remarks of his own. The entire rejection of the "critical" conclusions on these books and the strong assertion, without proof, of the traditional authorship of the Old Testament writings deprive the work of scientific value. It does not contribute anything to a better knowledge of the Scripture writings on which it rests.—GEO. S. GOODSPEED.

*The American Jewish Year Book, 5662.* September 14, 1901, to October 1, 1902. Edited by Cyrus Adler. (Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1901; pp. x + 321; \$1.) The third issue of *The American Jewish Year Book* is, like its predecessors, a veritable thesaurus of valuable and interesting information concerning the Jews. The "Statistical Summary by States" (pp. 126-52) will be to many readers a surprise at the extensive activity of the Jews in America in charitable, philanthropic, and educational work. The survey of the year (pp. 15-24) records all the important and significant happenings in the internal life of the Jews, as well as in their relations to the outer world everywhere. A distinctive feature of this year's issue is an original sketch of the history of the Jews in Roumania, by Dr. E. Schwarzfeld (pp. 25-87), which is just at present of special interest on account of the persecution and oppression of the Jews now prevailing in that country. A valuable contribution, and also of interest to Semitic students, is the "Selected Hebraica and Judaica," with explanatory and descriptive notes, from the pen of Israel Abrahams (pp. 160-77).—I. M. CASANOWICZ.

*Descriptive Catalogue of a Collection of Objects of Jewish Ceremonial,* deposited in the U. S. National Museum by Hadji Ephraim